

Klamath County News



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Farm Service Agency

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COC Elections for LAA 3

The COC Elections for LAA 3 is coming up in December 2006. The nominees are:

Gerda Hyde: Gerda lives on the Yamsi Ranch in Chiloquin and has been a farmer in Klamath County for 56 years. She raises cattle. She has participated in the NCBA, ANCW, OCW, the local KCCW, and Country Natural Beef. She has served as the Oregon representative on the Natural Beef Board for six years. She also was the National President for ANCW in 1987. She has served in all state and local offices for the Cattle Women's Association.

Garry Freitag: Gary lives in Bonanza. He has been a farmer in Klamath County for the last 55 years where he raises cattle and grows hay and grain. He has participated in the Farm Bureau, been a 4-H beef leader and the director for the Horsefly Irrigation District.

Rodney Hadley: Rodney has lived and farmed in the Bly area for the last 47 years. He raises cattle and hay. He has five kids and is involved with their 4-H, baseball, and basketball. He is active in the KBWUA and Sprague River water groups.

2007 EQIP Deadline

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the Upper Klamath Basin is now accepting applications for 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Application packets are available at the offices listed below. For further information on the EQIP program contact Cliff Fox in Klamath Falls at 2316 S. 6th Street, Suite C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (541) 883-6924 or Gene Kelley in Tulelake at 611 Main Street (PO Box 1180) Tulelake, CA 96134 (530) 667-4247. Or visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

2001 Crop Disaster Linkage Requirements

If you received a payment for the 2001 Crop Disaster Program on a crop that was not insured you are required to purchase crop insurance. If benefits were paid on an uninsurable crop producers are required to purchase NAP coverage from the local FSA office. If coverage is not acquired and benefits were paid, producers are required to return the 2001 payment. Producers should call their crop insurance agent or the local FSA office if they have questions about 2001 CDP linkage requirements.

The Non-Insured Assistance Program is designed for all crops that can not be insured under federal crop insurance. First year seeding of perennial forage crops are not covered. NAP provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$100 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$300 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2006 must reapply for 2007 coverage. Here are the deadlines to apply. If you have any questions on when to apply for NAP coverage, please call the FSA office.

	<u>NAP Deadlines</u>
10/02/06	Grass, Small Grains (Barley, Oats, Triticale, Wheat for hay) and other forage crops. Mint.

	<u>Federal Crop Insurance Fall Deadlines</u>
10/02/06	Alfalfa, Fall Planted Barley with Winter Coverage Wheat

New Faces at NRCS and FSA

Bethany Vermaas is originally from Portland, Oregon but has lived here for the last 13 Years. She began working for the NRCS in May as an engineering technician. She is expecting to graduate from Oregon Institute of Technology in June of 2007 with a bachelor of science in Civil Engineering.

Chad Miller is a 1992 graduate from Oregon Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has worked in Heavy Civil Construction in five western states before going to work for the NRCS in the Tulelake office in 2005. He has just recently started working in the Klamath Falls NRCS office.

Dawn Rose is a new Program Technician for the FSA. She is originally from Eagleville California in Modoc County and has lived here for the last ten years. She enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with her two girls.

Jason Outlaw came here from Washington's NRCS. He is the Resource Soil Scientist for the High Desert Basin which includes Harney, Lake and Klamath County.

Jessie Guthrie is from Merrill. He has attended College of the Siskiyous where he graduated with an Associates Degree and Oregon Institute of Technology where he earned his Bachelors in Environmental Science. He is knowledgeable in the farming practices of growing potatoes, cereal grains and Alfalfa.

Farm Loans

Loan applications are being accepted for farm operating and ownership purposes from those having difficulty obtaining credit through private lenders. Operating loans include annual operating expenses, farm equipment and livestock purchases, and refinancing related debt. Ownership loans include the purchase or enlargement of a farm, or the construction and/or repair of buildings. A minimum qualification for farm ownership loans is 3 years involvement in the business operations of a farm. Loan guarantees are available to lenders where FSA provides up to a 90% guarantee of loss on the principal of a farm loan.

FSA provides direct and guarantee loan assistance for beginning farmers as well. An applicant is considered a beginning farmer if they have not operated a farm for more than 10 years. Youth loans are available for 4-H and FFA members' ages 10 through 20 who want to start any income producing enterprise recommended by their leader. For further information, please contact the farm loan staff in Klamath Falls at (541) 883-6924.

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